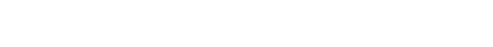




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## RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final official action dated December 1, 2006, please consider the remarks set forth herein, beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(c), a complete listing of the existing claims is not required (or presented herein) because no changes are being made to the claims, no claims are being canceled, and no claims are being added. The claims stand as most recently amended in the response submitted January 4, 2006.